Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Isle Of Wight — ***DHR Id#:*** **046-0025**

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): ..... Darden House {Current}
Property Date: 1800
Address(s): ..... Route 637 And 600, Near Intersection {Current}
County/Independent City: Isle Of Wight
Vicinity of: ..... Windsor
State, Zip: .....Virginia
USGS Quad Name: ..... WINDSOR

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Property has not been evaluated

Resource Description

Primary Resource Exterior Componant Description:

Component	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimneys	Chimneys - Exterior end	Brick	other
Roof	other	Wood	other
other	other	None Listed	other
Foundation	Foundation - Solid	Brick	Foundation - Not Visible
Porch	Porch - 1-story, 3-bay	Wood	other
Roof	Roof - Gable, Side	None Listed	Roof - Shingle
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 9/9
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 6/6
Structural System	Structural System - Frame	Wood	Structural System - Weatherboard

Secondary Resource Desc: Secondary resources are outbuildings.

WUZIT Count:

No.	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1	Single Dwelling	Historic
2	Other	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: ..... Other
Primary Resource? ..... No
Interior Plan Type: .....
Number of Stories: 1.0
Threats to Resource: ..... None
Description: Architecture Summary: There are two timber-frame gable-standing-seam-metal-roof outbuildings which appear to be contemporaries of the house. The larger one appears to be servants' quarters, and has two front entrances, two 4/4 sash windows, weatherboard siding, and two exterior-end brick chimneys. The smaller building is beside this one, and has no front windows, a single-leaf entrance, and also weatherboard siding. End Architecture Summary Additions and alterations: End Additions and alterations Interior Description: End Interior Description

WUZIT: ..... Single Dwelling
Est. Date of Construction: .... 1800 ca {State Survey}
Primary Resource? ..... No
Interior Plan Type: .....
Accessed? ..... Yes
Number of Stories: 2.0
Threats to Resource: ..... None
Description: Architecture Summary: 3-bay facade
End Architecture Summary Additions and alterations: End Additions and alterations Interior Description: End Interior Description

Cemetery Information

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Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information *(Intensive Level Survey)*

Historic Context(s): ..... Domestic

Bibliographic Documentation

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

Medium	*Depository ID #*	*Photo Depository*	*Date*	*File Name*
B&W 35mm Photos			1968/8 /99	

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,
Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... HABS Inventory
Date: 1969/99/99
Organization or Person: ..... VHLC
CRM Event Notes or Comments: .....

CRM Event # 2,
Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... HABS Inventory
Date: 9999/99/99
Organization or Person: .....
CRM Event Notes or Comments: ..... Missing date of survey and name of surveyor.

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Form 10-445
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1. STATE Virginia
COUNTY Isle of Wight
TOWN VICINITY Windsor
STREET NO. .1 mi. E of Rt. 637, .8 mi. N of intersection of Rt. 637 and Rt. 600.
ORIGINAL OWNER Col. N. H. Darden
ORIGINAL USE residence
PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Alma J. Griffin
PRESENT USE residence
WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME Darden House
DATE OR PERIOD Early - 19th C.
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No

Darden operated an Academy here. Hand carved mantels. One room added on back, 1896.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Exterior Good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
W. P. A. Survey #144

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
V H L C

DATE OF RECORD 1969

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HISTORICAL INVENTORY

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COUNTY: Isle of Wight

CLASS: Home and Cemetery

Photograph

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COLONEL DARDEN HOME

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Research made by
Florence Jordan,
Benn's Church, Virginia.

May 20, 1937.

1. SUBJECT:

Colonel Darden Home.

2. LOCATION:

Three and eight tenths miles southeast of Isle of Wight, Virginia, on Route #637, thence eight miles south of Route #637 on Route #600, thence two hundred yards east of Route #600.

3. DATE:

About 1811.

4. OWNERS:

Colonel W. H. Darden,
Ambrose Roberts,
William S. Holland, 1907.
H. W. Griffin, 1937.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This large frame house is located in a grove of elm trees. It is two and one half stories, with a cellar, and has twenty-two windows, those on the first floor having eighteen panes. The front porch is about nine by thirty feet and five steps from the ground. Most of the doors are wide and have six panels. There are four brick chimneys.

The interior is very pretty. There are eight large rooms and two large halls, one on each floor. The mantels are hand-carved, and the fireplaces are very wide. The floors are made of heart pine, and are in good condition. The timbers used are of the best heart material and are hand-hewn.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Colonel Darden and his daughter taught school here in the front yard. It was an Academy, and students came for miles around, some boarded at the Darden home. Two slave houses remain.

The Colonel Darden cemetery is back of the house, It is enclosed by an iron fence, and there are some stones.

7. ART:

Photograph

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mr. H. W. Griffin, Windsor, Virginia, Route #2.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 5-A. of BULLETIN 3400 3686

Name of Building COLONEL DARDEN HOME.

EXTERIOR

1. Building Plan Rectangular, with shed rooms at back. Cellar (x)
2. No. of stories: (2½) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
3. Material: Brick ( ) Frame (x) Stone ( ) Log ( )
4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish ( ) English ( ) Common ( ) Other ( )
5. Kind of roof: Hip ( ) Gabled (x) Gambrel ( ) Lean-to ( ) Deck ( )
6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
7. Roof Material: Slate ( ) Shingle ( ) Metal (x) Tile ( )
8. Chimneys: Number (4) Brick (x) Stone ( ) Location One inside chimney, One on each end, One back.
9. Weatherboarding: Sawed by whipsaw. Beaded (x) Plain ( ) Unpainted.
10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate Elaborate Material Wood.
11. Windows: Number (22) Size and number of panes 8 panes 8" x 10" 12 panes 8" x 10" 12 panes 12" x 14"
12. Shutters: Describe: Stationary slats. 18 panes 8" x 10".
13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None.
14. Porch: One story front porch, about nine by thirty feet.
15. Type of Entrance: Six panel door.
16. Columns: Doric ( ) Ionic ( ) Corinthian ( ) Square (x)

INTERIOR

17. No. of Rooms: (9) Large (8) Small (1) Approx. ceiling height. 10 feet.
18. Stairway: Open String ( ) Closed String ( ) Describe: Curved at bottom and straight up.
19. Cellar; Describe Four rooms, used as store rooms.
20. Doors: Style and type of wood Six panels painted doors.
21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Plastered and wainscoting.
22. Interior Cornices None.
23. Hardware: Locks and hinges Outside iron locks, common iron hinges.
24. Floors: Wide pine flooring of varying widths.
25. Mantels: High, hand carved, painted.
26. Misc: One room added on back about 1896.
27. Present condition, and state if spoiled architecturally by remodelling: No. Good.
28. Does occupant seem to appreciate old architectural features? Yes.

Your Name Florence Jordan.

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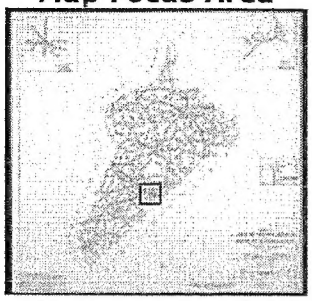

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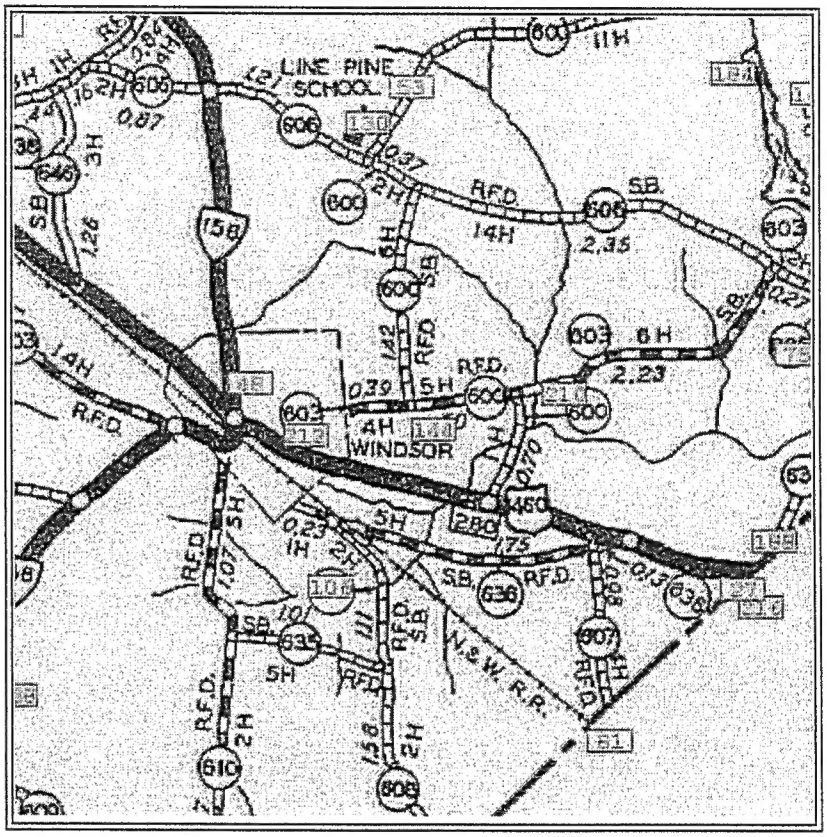

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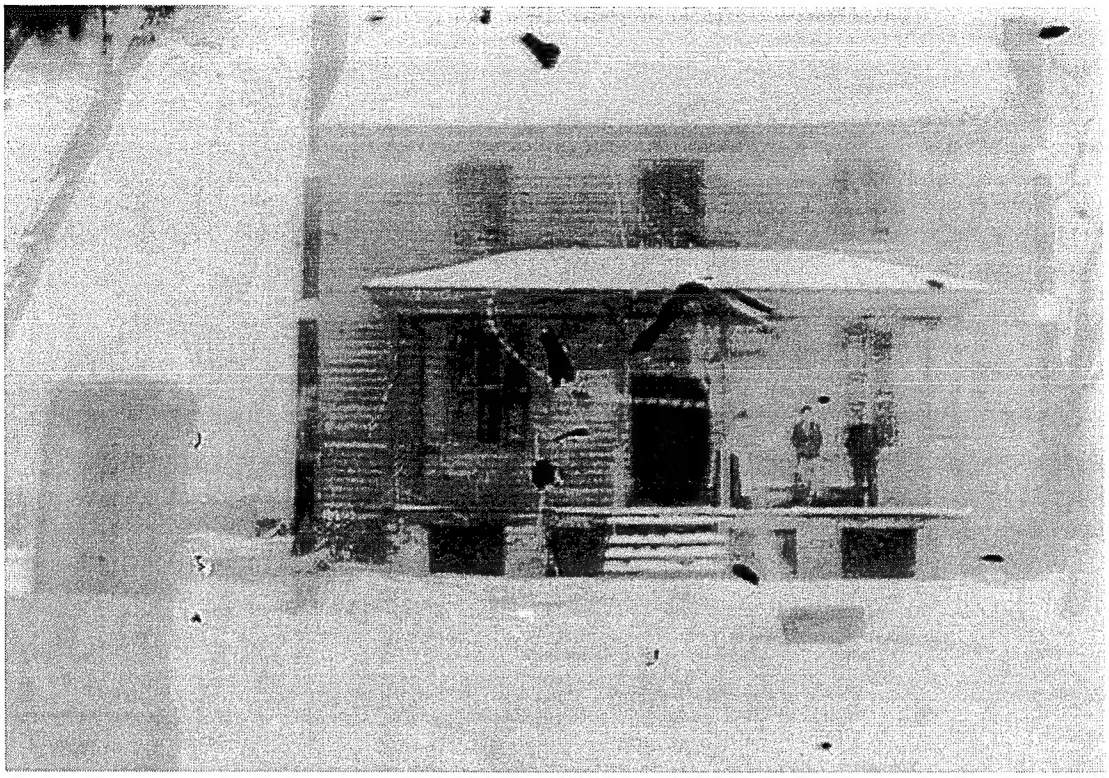

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